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GET OUT OF THE RUTS.

A dispatch from Blacksburg, Va., says that the new Tidewater railroad has begun its big tunnel at that point, making things lively and creating great demand for labor. "Few idle people are now seen in the old familiar loading places."

This is the return made by all public-spirited enterprises, and yet we find a great many old fogies decrying every enterprising movement. Take it in our own section. The fish factories are the leading individual enterprise, affording work and good pay to thousands that would otherwise be thrown upon land enterprises or the oyster business, overcrowding these. Notwithstanding there are many people indirectly benefited by these and many more directly benefited that lose no opportunity to run down these enterprises. It would seem strange that a man who is drawing good pay from one of these industries should "talk against" the business or speak depreciatingly of the man or men whose genius, energy and capital are keeping his head above water and confer material blessings upon a community. Yet such is the composition of some humans that they do it.

And the fish concerns are not the only ones that come in for ingratitude. Road building, bridge-building, telephones, factories and even churches are numbered among the targets for carping critics. Get out of the ruts and don't block the way of progress.

SOME ROAD TALK.

The season of discontent is upon our roads. Richmond county and other sections are holding mass-meetings for the betterment of public roads.

This spirit becomes chronic periodically. The people move for better conditions and those in authority swear they shall be bettered when the season comes for improving. With many people and supervisors that is the end of it, until the next bad spell comes around—veritable Arkansians like the traveler met; in rain it was too bad to mend his roof, in shine it did not need it. When next summer's sun and zephyrs make good, lethargy will hold sway. About the time fall rains set in a little shoveling and brushing is attempted to mend the growing holes. In winter the roads are impassable and new resolves are made, to be forgotten with the balmy spring. Governor Montague says we have thrown millions of dollars into mud holes, only to be lost in searching for the fathomless bottoms, and he is right. Evidently our resolves need mending worse, if possible, than the roads.

DOES IT JAR YOU?

A few years back when we suggested the idea of legalizing the murder of incurable sufferers from horrible accidents some thoughtful persons held up their hands in holy horror. Did these people read the doings of Ohio's Legislature they would fall into a faint. It is being seriously considered as advisable to resort to apply anesthetics to persons of incurable diseases to end their torment. We confess the Ohio proposition is going too far, in that it proposes putting out one's light upon request of that person and the advice of three reputable physicians.

Our thoughts have been that one who is horribly burned past recovery, or one in the latest stages of hydrophobia could be humanely put out of torture by drugs upon the concurrent advice of three reputable practitioners. We use this process to end the miseries of dumb animals, and surely the God of love would look benignly upon any such humane practice when all hope is past. There is a wide difference in this thought and the proposed Ohio plan.

There was some talk recently of Japan buying the Philippine Islands. Lovers of the Republic hoped it would bear fruit, but the great Taft, whose pet scheme is to keep the Islands which have given him a fat job and fat pockets, puts his No. 12 down on it, and any negotiations that might have been contemplated are declared off. So much for a Republic that has become wedded to paternalism and promises to become polygamous by taking on Autocracy—two bad consorts for Uncle Sam.

The ceremonies incident upon the inauguration of our new Governor, which are in progress the day this paper goes to press (Thursday) have been formulated by easy stages. There will be no great show, at Mr. Swanson's request.

Hon. Stafford G. Whittle, of the State Supreme Court, and a long time friend of the new Governor, will administer the oath and prayer will be offered by Rev. J. Sydney Peters, of the Methodist Church, another friend. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Swanson, of Danville, the former a brother of the Governor, will attend the ceremonies, as will Messrs. Henry and William Swanson, two other brothers. A large number of the Governor's personal and political friends from various sections of the State will likewise be there.

The entire Virginia delegation, including the two Senators, will probably attend. Following the custom usual in Virginia, Gov. Swanson will issue no invitations to the inauguration ceremonies, the understanding being that everybody is invited.

Governor Swanson will receive his friends, members of the Legislature, State and city officers and such others as may desire to call at the mansion from 2 to 4 P. M., and on the evening he and invited friends will be tendered a reception by Lieutenant-Governor Ellison at the latter's home.

Government snag machine boat is in Carter's creek getting ready to build the dyke at the mouth of the creek. The U. S. Engineer recognizes the advantage of Carter's creek as a harbor, and will make improvements that will make it accessible for all kinds of vessels in all kinds of weather. The wind can blow any kind of a storm, and a hundred vessels can safely lay to anchor within its lock. This work will be of untold value to this vicinity, and also, means employment for a large number of men, who will distribute their money as fast as they receive it at the stores.

Wednesday's Sun contained the following: "The trial trip of machinery will be made today from the works of the Marine Railway, Machine and Boiler Works of the new propeller Dr. W. J. Newbill, which has been built at Urbana, Va., to an order from H. C. Bayton, a progressive colored man of White Stone, on the Rappahannock. The Dr. W. J. Newbill was built at Urbana by W. F. Ward, who is still on board completing the joiner work of the vessel, and was named after a physician of Irvington, Va. She was built to fill a want of carrying passengers, freight and mail from Urbana to White Stone, a distance by water of eight miles, and the vessel is fitted with saloon, mail-room and freight space, the latter equal to any demand on the route. The vessel is 88 feet long, 18 feet beam and 5 feet 10 inches depth of hold. The machinery, built by the Marine Railway, Machine and Boiler Works, comprises triple-expansion engines equal to 125 horsepower and a steel Scotch boiler tested to 160 pounds pressure. All the accommodations needed for a steamer for the route have been supplied."

Two social clubs, chartered under the laws of the State, which provide that only members of the organization shall be granted the privileges of the club, were severely dealt with by Justice John J. Crutcher in the Richmond police court. In each case the bartenders were fined \$200 and sentenced to jail for four months, and ordered to give security in the sum of \$300 for their good behavior for twelve months. In addition to this, the clubs were reported from the lower court to the Hustings court, and Judge S. B. Witt will pass upon the question of the revocation of the charters of the two organizations—the Manhattan social club, at 412 East Broad Street, and the Owl Club, at 315 North First Street.

"If the present Legislature don't knock this thing into a cocked hat, the members ought to be sunk into everlasting oblivion!" exclaimed "Justice John" when he had heard the evidence of the patrolmen who had purchased drinks at each club with all any questions being asked them as to whether or not they were members. "But the Westmoreland and the Com—" began an interested director in one of the "social clubs."

"Don't talk to me about closing the Westmoreland or the Commonwealth clubs with such places as these. The difference is that one is run for its members and by its members and the other is run by a few men who do it for the money for the money he is in it," hotly interrupted the venerable justice of the peace, who "can see as far into a rock" as any man in Richmond.

Justice Court. Jas. Thomas, colored, of Tombs, who was shot by Clem Gray on the 3rd of January while intoxicated, was tried before Justice Ellikow one day this week and fined \$40 and costs for carrying concealed weapons.

VIRGINIA'S LEGISLATURE

Resolution to do away with the new district school inspectors, was passed by the House and sent over to the Senate. The Legislature elected the Circuit Judges recently nominated in the hot caucus. In the absence from the city of Senator Sears Senator Walker presented Hon. C. B. Jones' name as the successful candidate on the southside.

The committee to notify Senator Martin of his election was composed of Messrs. Echols, Tamm and Shackelford, from the Senate, and Messrs. Williams, Clement, Cochran, Lane of Mathews, and Pitts, from the House. Delegate G. E. T. Lane, of Mathews, was selected to make the notification address, which was done at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, at noon Monday.

The senate has practically declared for the "single" list school book, and will require candidates for the State Board of Education to declare their position on the book question.

Dealers in coca-cola and similar drinks will be alarmed at the bill to require manufacturers to post the formula, showing the ingredients of same. A penalty is provided for failure to do this.

Senator Mann introduced a bill which aims to stamp out consumption. The bill provides that all persons knowing of the existence of a case of tuberculosis shall report the same to the city or county health board.

SOME BILLS INTRODUCED. [NOTE—Bills where patrons are not given are either because patron is unknown to us or his name of little interest to our readers. Only such bills as appear in the same paragraph with patron's name are to be credited to that patron. This explanation because a careless reader attributes all bills in independent paragraphs to the Legislature whose name happens to precede.]

By E. W. Gaines: To prevent the shooting of pigeons, fowls or other birds for amusement and renting of premises for such purposes.

By Mr. Gaines: Providing for proper labeling of all canned goods, specifying kind of goods contained in said cans and the year of canning.

By Mr. Gregory: An act imposing a license tax on all persons, firms and corporations engaged in the business of hauling over the public highways lumber, cord wood, railroad ties and similar material, and directing that the revenue derived therefrom is to be paid into the county road fund of the county in which said license is obtained.

ECHOES OF ANTI-SALOON MEET. An extract from President Cannon's address reads:

Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, in one of his recent speeches, in discussing this matter, said: "So far as I am concerned I am weary of the condition of things where the man whose business it is to make the laws must hold his office by the consent of the men whose business it is to break the laws. I am weary of the insolent and dictatorial spirit which so largely pervades the saloon business of the State; of its open alliance with vice, its open contempt for law, its assumption, that the right to sell whiskey in accordance with law, carries with it the right to sell whiskey in violation of law. It seems that I have given mortal offense to some of these gentlemen because I have publicly said that the man who runs a saloon has no more right to violate the law than the man who runs a barber shop." This is, indeed, the exact situation of the liquor traffic.

As a class the saloon keepers are opposed to any officials who act as if they thought the laws in reference to saloons were meant to be obeyed. They think the law should protect them against assaults (thieves) and they would speedily invoke it against any outraged parents who might come to chastise their sons under age, but as for themselves it is part of their business to break the laws, and unfortunately their insolence seems to have paralyzed the executive branch of state, city and county governments.

Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, was the most distinguished speaker of the occasion. Among other things he said: He had gone to the penitentiary of North Carolina and there he had seen stripes on men who would have been giants in their state but for whiskey. He stated that 50 per cent of those in the insane asylum of his state had been brought there all through the use of liquor. He had been to the country homes of his State and there he had seen wives and children in rags and destitution, all brought about by the husband and father drinking liquor. This, said Governor Glenn, was the reason he stood for the abolition of liquor. If there was any bar-room man or any other man present who voted on election day for the sale of liquor, he would invite him to the rostrum, and if he would say that the use of liquor has helped any wife or any child he would never speak. If there is any man who will say before this assembly that he ever helped people in business or ever helped the church, morally or physically, or ever brought any happiness to his country, he will never say a word again in favor of prohibition. If it has put dishonor and shame on men, women and children, how can any man vote for it on election day? He had heard it said that it helps business. Let's see if this is true. If whiskey helps business, why don't you when your wife or child is sick have a drunken physician? If liquor helps business, why don't you employ liquor dealers lawyers to look after your business? If liquor helps business, why don't merchants employ drunken women, and men to wait on their customers? It is not true. The drunken man never thinks of his money or of his family. The sober man would buy clothes and supplies for his family. He would insure his life. He would buy a newspaper for his wife and children to read. The sober man will put some money in the bank.

"Tell me," said the Governor, "which does the most for Petersburg, the man who spends his money for whiskey or the sober man? The liquor traffic helps the bar-room men, while it sends the soul of the man who spends his money for liquor to perdition. Put the man who has degenerated in Petersburg out on the streets in stripes and others will follow him."

Crystal Wedding. On the 11th inst. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Demby entertained a number of their friends at a dining in honor of their "Crystal Wedding." Promptly at 2 p. m., the guests were invited to the dining room where they found a table groaning beneath its weight. Above the table hung a beautiful holly bell, the table was beautifully arranged and scattered over its surface were many blooms of Christmas cactus. The dinner consisted of all the viands and delicacies of the season. After a most delightful repast and an hour of social chat the guest were again invited to return to the dining-room for refreshments. In the center of the table was a wedding cake on which were "W. D. to W. C. 1891-1906." Suspended just above it was a large gold band, or ring with 15 lighted candles representing 15 years. Mr. and Mrs. Demby received many beautiful pieces of glassware and congratulations and good wishes for many more such pleasant occasions from their friends.

ONE OF THE GUESTS. Grave Trouble Foreseen. It needs but little foresight, to tell, that when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is sure to follow. I had neuritis of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in a few days I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me. Best medicine for weak women. Sold by A. E. C. Richardson, Kilmarnock; T. J. Haydon & Son, Irvington; Ficklin & Bass, Litwiltown; price 50c guaranteed.

AFRO-AMERICAN NOTES. William Hodge, of Tombs, and Miss Beattie Johnson, of Baltimore, were married Wednesday night of this week at the residence of the lady's sister, Mrs. Chas. Blackwell, Rev. D. Tucker officiating.

Mrs. Vermillion Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hinton, of White Stone, spent sometime in Baltimore recently.

Mrs. Natha Taylor and Miss Pauline Smith, of Tombs, who have been sick, are out again. Mrs. Zack Beane, of Kilmarnock, who has been very sick, is improving at this writing.

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